

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An assembly for unrolling stretch film from a spool and pre-stretching the film as [it] the film is fed from the assembly towards the goods/products to be wrapped, the assembly comprising a first member for controlling [the] forward movement of the film downstream of the spool in a direction in which the film leaves the assembly, [and] a cutter for lacerating the film, arranged downstream of the control member, ~~the assembly being characterized in that, downstream of the cutter, it comprises~~ and a second member, arranged generally downstream of the cutter, for preventing [the] return of the film in [the] a direction opposite to ~~the one that~~ in which [it] the film leaves the assembly; wherein the cutter comprises an arm hinged at an intermediate hinge position so as to enable angular displacement in a plane crossing the plane in which the film lies while leaving the assembly, a blade projecting transversely from one end of the arm, the arm being movable angularly between an operative position, in which the blade perforates the film, and a stowed position in which the blade does not interfere with the film, and an actuator for controlling angular displacement of the arm, and wherein the actuator has linear electromagnetic actuators acting on, respectively, an end of the arm opposite that which bears the blade and a point intermediate between the

blade and the hinge position of the arm, such that the operative and stowed positions are determined by appropriately opposite forward/backward configurations of the linear electromagnetic actuators.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The assembly set forth in claim 1, wherein the return preventing member comprises two rubber-covered rollers rotating in opposite directions, arranged in contact with [each] one another ~~in such a way~~ so as to allow the film to pass there between [them] and is provided with a [member] system for preventing the[m] rollers from [rotating] revolving in the direction opposite to the [one] direction in which the film leaves the assembly.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The assembly set forth in claim 2, wherein the rotation preventing [member] system comprises drawn cup roller clutches on which the rollers are mounted.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The assembly set forth in claim [1] 9, wherein the cutter comprises an arm hinged at an intermediate hinge position ~~in such a way~~ so as to ~~be able to~~ undergo an angular displacement in a plane crossing the plane in which the film lies ~~as it leaves~~ upon leaving the assembly, and a blade projecting transversely from one end of the arm, the arm being ~~capable of moving~~ movable angularly between an operative position, in which the blade perforates the film, and a stowed position in which the blade does not interfere with the film, ~~there being provided~~ an actuator being provided for controlling the angular displacement of the arm.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The assembly set forth in claim 4, wherein the actuator comprises a pair of linear electromagnetic actuators acting on, respectively, [the] an end of the arm opposite ~~the one~~ that which bears the blade and a point intermediate between the blade and the hinge [point] position of the arm, so that the operative position and the stowed position are determined by appropriately opposite forward/backward configurations of the linear electromagnetic actuators.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The assembly set forth in claim 4, wherein ~~the arm with~~ the blade bearing arm and the actuator are housed [in] by a casing, in which a slot is formed ~~to permit~~ for allowing the blade to project at least partially from the casing in the cutting position.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The assembly set forth in claim 1, wherein the cutter and the return preventing member are supported by a frame that is detachable from the rest of the assembly.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (new) A film unrolling and stretching assembly, which comprises:

a spool of stretch film;

a member for controlling forward movement of the film downstream of the spool in a direction in which the film leaves the assembly;

a cutter, arranged downstream of the control member, suitable to form in the film, after wrapping selected goods/products, a perforation zone having a limited extension in a direction along a transverse width of the film; and

a film return preventing member located downstream of the cutter and arranged so as to pre-stretch the film during feeding of the film from the assembly toward the goods/products to be wrapped; wherein the film return preventing member engages the film generally continuously and has a system suitable for preventing return of the film, after formation of the perforation zone, passage of the perforation zone downstream of the film engagement member, and formation of a complete transverse cut, using an elastic return in a direction opposite to that in which the film leaves the assembly.

Claim 10 (new) The assembly set forth in claim 9, wherein the return preventing member comprises rubber-covered rollers rotating in opposite directions, arranged in contact with one another so as to allow the film to pass there between, the return prevention system preventing the rubber-covered rollers from rotating in the direction opposite to that in which the film leaves the assembly.

Claim 11 (new) The assembly set forth in claim 10, wherein the return prevention system comprises drawn cup roller clutches mounting the rollers.

Claim 12 (new) The assembly set forth in claim 1, wherein the blade bearing arm and the actuator are housed by a casing, in which a slot is formed for allowing the blade to project at least partially from the casing in the cutting position.

Claim 13 (new) The assembly set forth in claim 9, wherein the cutter and the return preventing member are supported by a frame that is detachable from the rest of the assembly.